

# notes

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## ***Test and language help just a click away***

If you're getting ready to take an important test or need to work on your language skills, help is just a computer mouse click away.

The Phoenix Public Library has added a new database to its Internet Web page – Rosetta Stone from the Learning Express Library – that can help you with either challenge.

For test-takers, the resource offers dozens of practice exams for academic and employment purposes.

You can practice for the GED test or a college entrance exam, study for various individual skills tests such as math, reading and spelling or



prepare for U.S. citizenship. Practice tests also are available for a variety of careers and professions, including teacher, police officer, firefighter, corrections officer, border patrol, civil service, cosmetologist, paramedic and nursing assistant.

If you need to brush up on your foreign language skills or want to learn a new language the resource offers courses in 24 languages, including English and Spanish. It uses thousands of real-life images, written text and voices of native speakers to teach.

To check out either resource, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org), click on "What's New" and then click on "Rosetta Stone."

Use of the database is free, but you'll need a library card – they're free, too, and can be obtained at any city library – to gain access to the site.

## **Surplus auction set for Nov. 15**

A variety of surplus materials ranging from furniture to cars will be sold at a city surplus auction Saturday, Nov. 15.

Gates to the city auction yard at 2820 S. 22nd Ave., just south of Lower Buckeye Road, will open at 7:30 a.m. and the sale will begin at 9 a.m. The cashier will remain open until 2:30 p.m. and the gates will close at 3 p.m.

Inspection of the items to be sold will be allowed at the yard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, and Friday, Nov. 14.

For more information, call 602-534-0828.

## **Airport speakers available**

If you're curious about changes in travel over the past year, the Airport Speakers Bureau has the answers.

Airport officials are available to visit businesses, professional associations, schools and neighborhood organizations to provide information and exchange ideas.

You can receive information on the Aviation Department's three airports – Phoenix Sky Harbor, Phoenix Deer Valley and Phoenix Goodyear – and give feedback on how the airports could be improved to better meet the needs of the public.

Speakers are available in English or Spanish.

For more information, log on to [phxskyharbor.com](http://phxskyharbor.com) or call the Airport's Communications/Community Relations Office at 602-683-3654.



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## City gears up for holiday celebration

The holiday season is fast approaching and the city is gearing up for another fun-filled celebration.

Two events – the Candyland Concert and the APS Fiesta of Light Holiday Concert – will get an early start in November.

The fun begins Friday, Nov. 28, with the annual Candyland Concert at Heritage & Science Park, 115 N. Sixth St. In addition to music for kids, the event will include hands-on activities, the lighting of a 50-foot holiday tree and a fireworks display.

The event runs from 3 to 8 p.m. and it's free. For more information, call 602-262-4627 or 602-534-3378.

The Holiday Concert will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Symphony Hall, 225 E. Adams St. For information, call 602-262-4627.

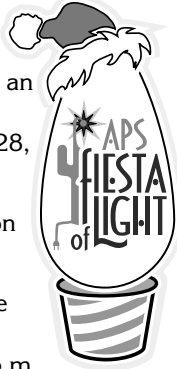
A full lineup of other activities, including the popular APS Electric Light Parade, will follow the opening events in December.

The parade will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, on Central Avenue from Missouri Avenue to Thomas Road. Although the event is free, spectators will be able to purchase tickets for a special bleacher section elevated above the crowd. Call 602-262-4627 for information or stop by the Phoenix Center, 1202 N. Third St., to purchase tickets.

People looking for that unique holiday gift can visit the Holiday Sale & Art Show at the Phoenix Center for the Arts, 214 E. Moreland St. The sale will be Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature artwork by students and teachers from the center.

Among other events planned for the holiday celebration in December are: the Fiesta of Light 5-K Run and Walk, Saturday, Dec. 6; Christmas & Kwanzaa Expo, Saturday, Dec. 6; the Victorian Holiday Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 13; Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 13; and Midnight Madness 5-K Run and Walk Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Check out the November issue of Notes for a complete lineup of holiday activities or visit phoenix.gov.



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## City hosts certification workshops

Minority, women and small business owners in Maricopa County are invited to free monthly workshops to learn about the city's business certification programs.

The Equal Opportunity Department workshops provide in-depth information about the requirements, process and benefits of becoming certified with the city as a minority-, woman-owned or small business enterprise.

Seating is limited at each session. Call 602-262-6790 or 602-534-1557/TTY to reserve a space.

### Upcoming workshops:

- **Nov. 18, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**  
Paradise Valley Community Center  
17402 N. 40th St.
- **Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
South Mountain Environmental Center  
10409 S. Central Ave.
- **Dec. 16, 6 - 8 p.m.**  
Paradise Valley Community College  
Student Services Center - B208  
18401 N. 32nd St.
- **Jan. 13, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**  
Washington Adult Center  
2240 W. Citrus Way
- **Feb. 10, 6 - 8 p.m.**  
Desert West Community Center  
6502 W. Virginia Ave.

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## Home Alone: Safety tips for latchkey kids



With school back in session, many kids find themselves home alone until a parent returns from work. Statistics show that unsupervised children are at greater risk of being involved in an accident and being harmed by strangers, siblings or friends.

Here are some tips from the Police Department to help keep your kids safe at home:

- Teach them never to open the door for anyone.
- Show them how to answer the phone and take messages without indicating they are alone.
- Give them your work number and numbers of relatives they can contact if something goes wrong.
- Teach them how to call 9-1-1.
- Go over fire procedures and practice escaping by two routes from every room.
- Ask (or even pay) a neighbor to look in on them regularly and be available as an emergency contact.

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## Jail accepts traffic ticket payments

Municipal Court is making it easier to pay traffic tickets and other court-imposed fines and fees. The bonds window at the Madison Street Jail, 225 W. Madison St., now accepts payments 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, call the court at 602-534-1683.

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## Public Works sets hazardous waste collections

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at BOPA collections 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 13-15 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, Bethany Home Road and Central Avenue, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Encanto Park, 2125 N. 15th Ave., just south of the basketball courts.

In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters.

Commercial loads will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call to schedule a collection. For information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to [pwserve@phoenix.gov](mailto:pwserve@phoenix.gov) or visit [phoenix.gov/GARBAGE](http://phoenix.gov/GARBAGE).

## Parks offers kids free golf lessons

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering free youth golf lessons throughout the winter at six city courses.

Professional golf instructors will teach group lessons to kids ages 8 to 17 at Aguila, Cave Creek, Encanto, Maryvale, Palo Verde and Papago golf courses.

Each session meets once a week for a month and all equipment is provided.

Registration forms are available at any city golf course and at [phoenix.gov/SPORTS/golfclasses.html](http://phoenix.gov/SPORTS/golfclasses.html). Participants must register in advance by mail or in person at the golf course where they wish to enroll.

For more information, call 602-534-6065 or visit <http://phoenix.gov/SPORTS/golfclasses.html>.



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## Celebrate America Recycles Day

Phoenix residents will join others across the country Nov. 15 in participating in America Recycles Day.

Visit [phoenix.gov/GARBAGE](http://phoenix.gov/GARBAGE) and find out how you can pledge to continue making recycling part of your everyday life and be part of a drawing for valuable prizes.

Activities in Phoenix, which are being coordinated by Phoenix Clean and Beautiful and the Public



Works Department, include a poster contest for kids, an art contest for seniors and a food and blanket drive.

More than 117,000 tons of recyclables were collected last year from Phoenix residents, about 20 percent of the solid waste collected from homes in the city.

For more information, call 602-262-4820 or 602-262-7251.

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## Be aware of domestic violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and the city's Family Advocacy Center reminds residents that it offers free comprehensive services to domestic violence and sexual abuse victims and their families in a safe and supportive environment.

The center provides a variety of counseling and support group services. Among the support groups are Domestic Violence Education, Spanish-speaking, Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, and Elder Abuse. Other services include short-term counseling and long-term case management. All services are free.

For more information, call 602-534-2120.



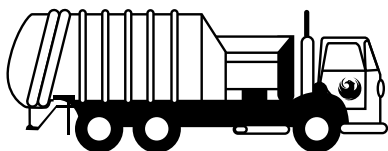
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## Holidays alter refuse pickup schedule

City holidays on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day will alter the collection schedules for garbage and recyclables.

There will be no collections on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. Tuesday's collections will move to Wednesday.

There also will be no collections on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27. Thursday's collections will move to Friday and Friday's collections will move to Saturday.



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# Looking for work? Visit job fair Nov. 5

If you're looking for a job, plan to attend the free Valley Employment Partnership Job Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the SouthWest Skill Center at Estrella Mountain Community College, 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale.

About 40 employers will be on hand seeking to fill entry- to professional-level jobs in retail, health care, finance, hospitality, customer service, law enforcement, and city and state government.

In addition to job interviews, the fair will offer workshops on writing a résumé, interviewing, completing applications and computer résumé assistance.

The fair is sponsored by the Phoenix Workforce Connection, Maricopa Workforce Connection and the Arizona Workforce Connection, in cooperation with the SouthWest Skill Center.

Businesses can take part for \$250. For more information, call 602-262-6776 or visit [www.hsd.maricopa.gov/mwc/jobfairs1.htm](http://www.hsd.maricopa.gov/mwc/jobfairs1.htm).

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# Lunch series features Japanese-American veteran

Masaji Inoshita will share his experience as a Japanese-American serving in the U.S. Army as an interpreter in Southeast Asia during World War II at the Faces of Diversity Brown Bag lunch series noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.



It will be his second appearance at the series.

The free series is sponsored by the Phoenix Human Relations Commission and the Equal Opportunity Department. For more information, call 602-261-8242 or 602-534-1557/TTY.

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# Senior Holiday Bazaar Nov. 12

You can start your holiday shopping early at the 2003 Senior Holiday Bazaar 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Heritage and Science Park, 115 N. Sixth St.

It will feature handcrafted items and international cuisine made by seniors from the city's 17 senior centers and other Valley senior services agencies. Entertainment will include a band and senior groups from various centers.

Proceeds will benefit the centers.

For more information about the event, which is sponsored by the Human Services Department Senior Services Division and the Parks and Recreation Department, call 602-262-7379.

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# Voters elect mayor, five council members

A former city councilman was elected mayor and five persons – four of them incumbents – were elected to the City Council in the Sept. 9 general city election.

Phil Gordon, who resigned from the council in May to run for mayor, won the race to replace Mayor Skip Rimsza, who could not run for re-election because of city term limit restrictions.

Voters also re-elected District 1 Councilman Dave Siebert to a third term, District 3 Councilwoman Peggy Bilsten to a third term, District 5 Councilman Claude Mattox to a second term and District 7 Councilman Doug Lingner to a third term.

Gordon and the four council members will be sworn in Jan. 2.

Additionally, District 4 voters elected Tom Simplot to serve the remaining term vacated by Gordon, which runs through 2005. He took office Sept. 18.

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## Phoenix City Council

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Greg Stanton, Vice Mayor & District 6	602-262-7491
Dave Siebert, District 1	602-262-7444
Peggy Neely, District 2	602-262-7445
Peggy Bilsten, District 3	602-262-7441
Tom Simplot, District 4	602-262-7447
Claude Mattox, District 5	602-262-7446
Doug Lingner, District 7	602-262-7492
Michael Johnson, District 8	602-262-7493

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